

# MARCH 17, 2024

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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#### **Palm Sunday (March 23 and 24, 2024)**

St. Maria Goretti	Devon	Saturday evening: 5:00 PM
Our Lady of Victory	Thorsby	9:00 AM
St. Margaret Mary	Calmar	10:15 AM
St. Maria Goretti	Devon	11:30 AM

#### **Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper (March 28, 2024)**

Our Lady of Victory	Thorsby	5:00 PM and Adoration until 8:00 PM
St. Maria Goretti	Devon	7:00 PM and Adoration until Midnight

#### **Good Friday - The Passion of the Lord (March 29, 2024)**

Our Lady of Victory	Thorsby	11:00 AM
St. Maria Goretti	Devon	3:00 PM

#### **Blessing of the Easter Baskets on Holy Saturday March 30, 2024**

St. Maria Goretti	Devon	1:00 PM
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#### **Easter Vigil - Holy Saturday March 30, 2024**

St. Maria Goretti	Devon	8:00 PM
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#### **Easter Sunday (March 31, 2024)**

Our Lady of Victory	Thorsby	9:00 AM
St. Margaret Mary	Calmar	10:15 AM
St. Maria Goretti	Devon	11:30 AM

**Please note: INCENSE WILL BE USED AT HOLY THURSDAY AND EASTER VIGIL MASSES**

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – March 17, 2024

**1st Reading:** Jeremiah 31.31-34

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Hebrews 5, 7-9

**Gospel:** John 12, 20-33

### ***Suffering Transformed by Glory***

*"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." John 12:27–28*

Our Lord's human soul was "troubled." Other translations state that His soul was in agony. After expressing His interior suffering, Jesus identified the human temptation caused by this suffering: to flee from His "hour." Of course Jesus dismisses this temptation as a way of teaching us a lesson from His human experience.

As God, Jesus had perfect strength and always remained faithful to the mission He received from the Father. But as a human, Jesus permitted Himself to experience temptation and human suffering for many reasons. One reason was so that He could relate to us in every way. That includes being able to relate to interior human suffering. In doing so, Jesus also made it possible for us to imitate Him and to share in the strength and determination He had as He perfectly fulfilled the will of the Father. Jesus allowed Himself to endure the agony caused by foreseen suffering because we will endure similar temptations through life.

What is it that causes you fear and anxiety as you look into the future? If there is something that immediately comes to mind, try to look at that within the light of Jesus' own experience above. The first thing Jesus does is identify the temptation to fear. He does this by identifying the interior suffering He experiences and then by looking at the cause: His coming "hour." The "hour" of Jesus in the Gospel of John is a reference to His crucifixion and death. This was the reason He came to us. He came to suffer the consequences of our sins and to destroy death itself. But this mission of His was the cause of true human suffering and was also a temptation toward fear. But it was a fear that He perfectly overcame.

As you look at anything that tempts you to give into fear and anxiety, first ask yourself whether it is the will of God that you fulfill that action. If we are fearful of something that is not the will of the Father, then we should reject it. But very often the plan God has for our lives will include acting with courage in the face of some pending cross and suffering. Experiencing fear is normal, but fear will not turn into anxiety if we imitate our Lord and choose the will of God no matter the cost.

*Jesus also embraced His Cross by looking at it through the lens of glory. He understood that His suffering and death would glorify the Father in Heaven. Therefore, He allowed Himself to see the Cross as a glorification of the Father. The same must happen in our lives. No matter what we face in life, no matter the cross we are given, if it is the will of God that we embrace it, then we must see it not only as a suffering we must endure but primarily as an act by which God will be glorified in our lives. This truer perspective will bring with it hope, joy and strength which will free us from anxiety caused by fear. (mycatholiclife.com)*

### **Preparation of the Palms**

We will prepare the palms for Palm Sunday on Thursday March 21st at 10:00 am at St. Maria Goretti Parish; after Mass and Adoration. ***Please join us if you can help.***

### **Stations of the Cross during Lent**

after Friday morning Mass at St. Maria Goretti (Devon), and after Tuesday morning Mass in St. Margaret Mary (Calmar)

### **YOUCAT Study Group**

The YOUCAT is the Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church. Although written for the youth, it is relevant for all to study and learn from. It has a different format from the Catechism of the Catholic Church as it clusters various passages from the catechism and poses them as a question. The four major parts include: What We Believe, How We Celebrate the Christian Mysteries, How We Are to Have Life in Christ, How We Should Pray.

The next YOUCAT Study Group will meet on **Friday, March 22 at 10:00 AM** at St. Maria Goretti Parish; following the morning Mass and the Stations of the Cross. This group is sponsored by the Catholic Woman's League and as our Spiritual Advisor, Father Luan will be with us.

**All parishioners from all parishes are welcomed to attend.**

### **Sick? Shut-in?**

Would you like to receive communion? Please call the office at 780-987-2858 to arrange communion, and/or to be put on our prayer list.

# The Passion of our Lord Eucharistic Adoration

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

WE INVITE YOU TO  
PARTICIPATE IN A 12-HOUR  
**ADORATION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

STARTING WITH MASS AT  
9AM AND ENDING AT  
9PM

GUIDED MEDITATION  
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR  
EACH HOUR.



St. Michael Catholic Parish 5105-45A Street Leduc, AB

## MASS INTENTIONS

When a priest celebrates Mass every day, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person or intention. By doing so, he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention. To request a Mass intention, please visit or call the parish office.

### Mass Intentions for this week

Date	Intention
16 Sat	<b>Donovan and Hug Families - Living and Deceased</b>
17 Sun	<b>Rest of the Soul of Phil Strap R.I.P.</b>
19 Tue	<b>Schumacher Family Intentions</b>
20 Wed	<b>Rest of the Soul of Rose Dublinski R.I.P.</b>
21 Thu	<b>Thanksgiving for all Volunteers</b>
22 Fri	<b>Guidance for everyone at the YOUCAT Study Group</b>
23 Sat	<b>Maureen Savoie Personal Intentions</b>

### Carmelite Sisters and Food Bank Drive

*For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you. "You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land." Deuteronomy 15:11*

#### Part of Lent:

- Prayer - Thank God for all your blessings.
- Fasting - sustain from eating meat on Fridays.
- Almsgiving - give monetary or items to the less fortunate.

Help us fill the donation baskets located at the entrance of the Church !

## Our Lady of Victory

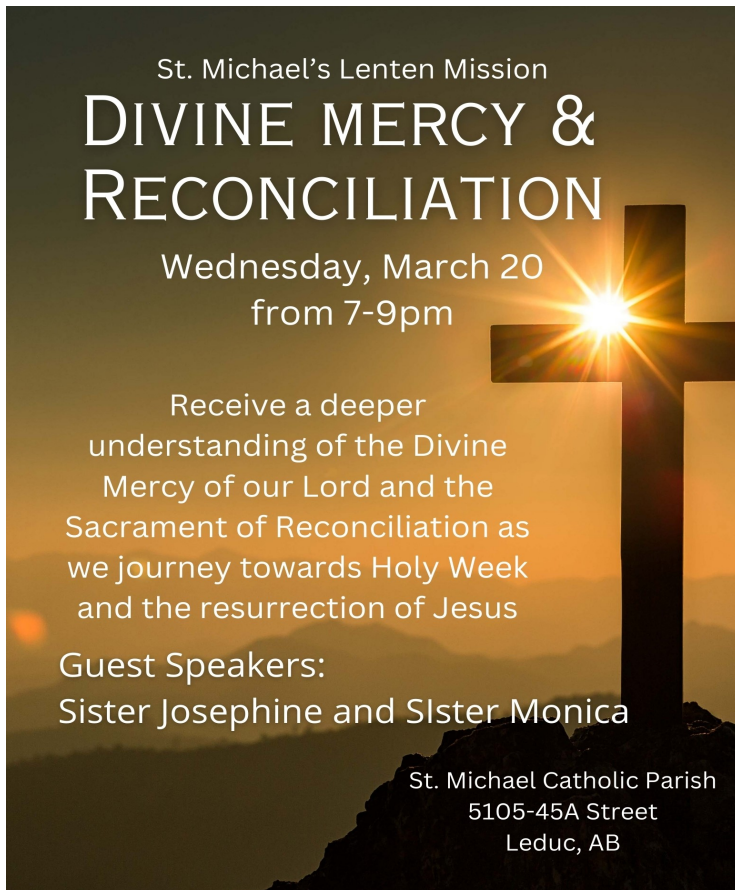
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**Liturgy:** Rosemarie Zurek 780-789-3622

## St. Maria Goretti

**PPC Chair:** Travis Schoenfelder 780-566-7417  
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**Liturgy:** Connie Schumacher 780-458-6487

## St. Margaret Mary

**PPC Chair:** Barbara Abel 780-985-3655  
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St. Michael's Lenten Mission  
**DIVINE MERCY &  
RECONCILIATION**  
Wednesday, March 20  
from 7-9pm

Receive a deeper  
understanding of the Divine  
Mercy of our Lord and the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation as  
we journey towards Holy Week  
and the resurrection of Jesus

Guest Speakers:  
Sister Josephine and Sister Monica

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**Easter  
Flower Sale**

The Devon CWL is holding  
an Easter Flower Sale to  
help make our church  
beautiful for Easter.  
Potted flowers are  
\$20.00 each.  
Please see the order forms  
for complete details.  
Deadline for orders is  
March 24th

### **St. Maria Goretti Parish - Altar Server Rehearsal - Wednesday March 27 at 6:00 pm**

#### **Guideline for Fasting and Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and during Lent**

Roman Catholics must fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, February 14, 2024 and Good Friday, March 29, 2024. *Additionally, they must abstain from meat on all Fridays during Lent.*

Ash Wednesday is one of two yearly days of obligatory fasting and abstinence for Roman Catholics, along with Good Friday. According to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, the norms of fasting are obligatory from age **18 until age 59**.

*Fasting means a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but they are not to equal that of a full meal.*

The rule of abstinence from meat is binding upon Catholics aged **14 and onwards**.

For those outside the age limits, Canon Law notes that "Pastors of souls and parents are to ensure that even those who by reason of their age are not bound by the law of fasting and abstinence, are taught the true meaning of penance."

#### **Cemetery Contacts:**

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